

SMITH'S BASKETBALL GAME.

DAY OF DAYS IN A GIRLS' COLLEGE ATHLETIC TEST.

Spirited Contest Between Sophomores and Freshmen. With 1,200 Students as Spectators—Elaborate Decorations—Lively Songs the Girls Sang.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., March 19.—Yesterday was the greatest day of the year at Smith College. It was the day when for the first time the freshman basketball team meets the sophomore team for a rivalry which is equal in enthusiasm and interest to that felt at the great football games at men's colleges.

Everyone in Northampton is wearing either green (the color of '07) or purple (the freshman color)—even the postmen, policemen and delivery men, whom the girls bribe each year to wear their respective class colors. The faculty wear the color they are first asked to wear, but President Seelye always wears a boutonniere of both colors.

In former years the girls have decorated the exterior of the campus houses, but this has been forbidden this year by President Seelye. Consequently the girls turned all their efforts to decorating the gymnasium. Half of this building is given to the sophomores to decorate and the other half to the freshmen. The sophomores exhibited their sister class ('08) color with their green and carried out a sunburst scheme in decorations.

In each of the six panels of the side walls huge yellow chrysanthemums were placed on green backgrounds. From the central chrysanthemums coiled streamers were attached to the sides of the panels, making an attractive effect. From the three chandeliers festoons and huge yellow rosettes were attached, and yards upon yards of streamers caught promiscuously to every conceivable place.

On the other side the uninitiated freshmen vied with their more experienced and dignified sisters in decorating their province. Hundreds of pennants were suspended from the ceiling. These pennants were made with a lion (the emblem of the sister class '08) on one side and the unicorn, which was announced for the first time at this game as the animal chosen to guard the class of '08, on the opposite side. The side walls were covered with purple bunting, on which were hung copies of the class seal. Never in the history of the college have the decorations been so attractive.

When the faculty had taken the seats reserved for them the doors of the "gym" were opened, and the girls of all four classes, about 1,200 in all, made a wild rush for the galleries. Each class had one corner of the gymnasium, and here they assembled and sang their songs, which they had been rehearsing for many weeks past. The enthusiasm reached a climax when '07 began to sing the melody composed by one of the girls in the sophomore class. The words were:

(Tune, "The Man Behind.")
We'll win the day,
Oh, just see our jolly team begin to play,
For the griffin will outshine
The bold unicorn of the team.
Come give a cheer to '07,
Come give a cheer to the team.
We have a team that's a corker,
Oh, my, but she is a dream.
'08 we'll beat you so badly
You'll find that you can't play at all,
Seven will show you so gladly
That she is the winner, for
'Tune, "Make a Fuss Over Her.")
Ain't it easy to see
We're the winners to be?
If you want us to beat you
That's our one longing plea.

The freshmen, however, not to be outdone in musical force, started up a catchy song, leading by long streamers a wooden horse, which had been changed for the occasion into a unicorn. Astride this unique mascot was a young knight, the son of one of the freshmen. This mascot was voted the best ever gotten up by any class in Smith.

The game itself was exciting because the halves played were so very diverse. At the end of the first half the sophomores were much excited, for the freshmen had played a very close and excellent game, the score being 16 to 11 in favor of the sophomores. The second half, however, showed an excellent game by the sophomores, and resulted, when time was called, in the defeat of the freshmen. The final score showed 43 points for the sophomores to 19 for the freshmen. The sophomores were wild with excitement, and during the first half of the prominent members of the freshmen team were quite seriously injured and was unable to play the rest of the game. The girls broke her collarbone.

WAR ON GAMBLING IN ITHACA.

Well to Do Citizens and Cornell Students Likely to Be Involved.

ITHACA, March 19.—The city attorney has taken steps to enforce the Grand Jury the evidence in the gambling exposé which has been going on in Ithaca for the last two weeks. Witnesses have been subpoenaed to appear before Recorder Sweetland on Monday and interesting developments are expected. Well to do citizens of Ithaca, as well as students of Cornell University, are likely to be involved, and it is said that the District Attorney intends to proceed against the lotteries and wheels of fortune that are running under the auspices of local churches and societies at their fairs.

The present exposé was precipitated by the discovery of the Grand Jury of the students of Cascadilla preparatory school, where one of the boys fished all of his companions by means of loaded dice. Many students are expected to appear before the Recorder on Monday to tell what they know about gambling as a student's pastime.

WANDERED IN A GRAVEYARD.

What Was Supposed to Be a Ghost Was a Deceased Old Man.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 19.—The mystery of what was believed to be an apparition seen at the Jewish Cemetery south of this city was solved last night when the sexton found an old man wandering about the graveyard, apparently searching for someone.

The man who seems about 80 years old, said that he was searching for "Mary," and that she kept calling him, but he could not find her. The authorities took charge of him. His name, he says, is "John," and he lives somewhere near this city, but cannot remember just where.

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MAY GET AFTER THE PINBACKS

WHALES IN CAPE COD BAY STIR THE OLD FISHERMEN.

A School Hasn't Been Seen There in Twenty-six Years. The Time of the Great Killings—More Than 800 Were Taken—Some Experiences of the Times.

PROVINCETOWN, Mass., March 19.—The big school of finback whales spouting in Cape Cod Bay has stirred the old bay whale hunters, who are sharpening their lances and overhauling their gear, which has lain unused for a quarter of a century. For two days whales have been seen all over the bay, from Race Point clear to the edge of the ice floe off Dennis, by the flatfish dredging fleet, and "There she blows!" is heard many times a day. Capt. Mayo of the dredger Little Jennie saw at least a dozen finbacks blowing at the same time on Thursday, and disporting in the smooth inland waters. It is believed they have come in after herring.

It is twenty-six years since a herd of whale was seen in Cape Cod Bay. Up to that time, for many years whale had been numerous in the bay in the spring, and extensive oil works were supplied by Provincetown whale hunters. Since the great killing of 1879, the whales have kept clear of the bay, so that not a vessel of the large fishing fleet going out from here is fitted to attack such great game. But if the finbacks show a disposition to linger, some of the fleet will ship bomb gun and lance and pursue them.

In the spring of 1879 more than one hundred whales of the finback species were killed in Cape Cod Bay and no less than twenty-two carcasses were lying at one time in process of flensing on the harbor side of Long Point, where "rafts" of blubber were constantly being conveyed in carts and boats to the Cape Cod oil works. Whales appeared early that year and stayed late. Many expert whalers participated in the peril, fun and revenue derived from the chase.

During one Friday afternoon an unusually large number of whales were taken. It was cold, with frequent snow squalls, but the whalers, about 150 in all, were out. One of the boats, the little schooner Blosser, and two whale boats at work. One of Smith's boats captured three whales that day, and all did well, coming in on Saturday night and Sunday morning with their big game in tow. Capt. Smith himself shot a finback on Woodend Bar, from which forty barrels of oil were taken.

On Fast Day of that year Capt. "Si" sighted a whale lying motionless on the sea and drove his "iron" into it. The monster giving no sign of life, Capt. "Si" said: "Guess I've killed him." Just then the great body began to move, slowly at first, as if waking from slumber. An instant later, fully alive to its pain, the whale rushed through the water, making across the bay toward Barnstable, with the whaleboat in tow.

A second turn of the line was thrown around the logghead, and about fifteen fathoms of rope as rigid as iron, connected the boat to its immense prey. The whale, keeping at the surface, increased its speed, and faster and faster tore the boat through the water, which, peeling away on either side of the flying craft, stood higher than the steersman's head. The rowers clung to the thwart, silent and powerless to save themselves. If any commands were shouted they went unheard, because of the noise of the whale's lashing and the roar of the water. After ten minutes of terrific speed, equal to that of an express train, the whale kept straight out of its first course, the harpoon tore out of its body, and the whale went free.

Capt. "Si" was then old, but was still one of the best shots with bombgun, harpoon or lance that ever lived here. He holds the record for bay whaling by killing seven whales with six blows of the lance. His boat got into the thick of a school and Capt. "Si" made six thrusts as his boat darted here and there. Each of the six whales was killed. One of them was found, on being cut up, to have a young whale within it, which was pierced by the same lance that slew the mother whale.

Struck When Their Wages Were Raised.

HOGNOTON, Mich., March 19.—At a monthly pay day yesterday afternoon the Quincy Mining Company informed its employees that their wages were raised from March 1 to \$65 a month for miners and \$40 for trimmers, whereupon the trimmers struck because they did not get the same wages as the miners, something that never was done at any mine in the Lake Superior district.

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GERMAN MURDERED IN MEXICO.

Former Consul at Pueblo Killed in the Palatial Home of Mexican Millionaire.

PUEBLO, Mexico, March 19.—The murder of Gustavus Stein, who for many years and until a short time before his death was German Consul at this place, has caused a profound sensation throughout Mexico, particularly among the German residents of the republic. In addition to the great wealth which he possessed, Stein was looked upon as the leader in all matters affecting the interests of Germans and their country in Mexico. Another thing that has added interest to the tragedy is the fact that he was shot and killed in the palatial home of Antonio Coutoules, a multimillionaire business man of this city. Coutoules and his nephew, Francisco Rangel, are in prison charged with the crime.

The police were not notified of the murder until several hours after it had been committed. When the officers arrived at the home of Coutoules they found his dead body laid out on the handsome mahogany table in the luxuriously furnished parlor of the man who is charged with the murder. At the four corners of the table candles were burning. The body had been neatly dressed and great care had been taken to give it all the care that is usually given the dead of the wealthy in Mexico.

To the police Coutoules admitted that Stein had been shot and killed in his home. He said that the body was laid out by his servants at his request. Rangel was present and he and Coutoules were arrested and taken to jail. Coutoules has made a statement, purporting to give an explanation of the tragedy. He says that he and Stein were closely associated in many business matters for several years and that Stein called at his home to discuss certain business affairs with him. A disagreement arose before them, he says, and Stein called at his home to discuss certain business affairs with him. A disagreement arose before them, he says, and Stein called at his home to discuss certain business affairs with him.

It is the theory of some that Stein was lured to the Coutoules home for the purpose of putting him to death. The police are conducting a most rigid investigation upon this theory.

HUNTER SHOT BY FARMER.

Brother of the Hunter Returns the Fire—Birdshot Wounds.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., March 19.—There was a shooting affair today near Mount Kisco in which two brothers of the name of Ford and Patrick Reedy, a farmer, were the principals. The Ford brothers were out hunting. Upon their return home they were passing over the farm of Reedy as a short cut from New Castle to Mount Kisco, when their dogs, in advance of them, were seen by Reedy. He got a shotgun and when the Ford boys came along he fired at Clarence Ford. About thirty shots penetrated Ford's neck and right shoulder.

Everett Ford almost immediately afterward discharged his gun at Reedy, the shot hitting Reedy principally in the stomach and breast.

Reedy was not dangerously injured, but Clarence Ford's condition was so critical that the doctors sent him to the New York Presbyterian Hospital. A warrant for Reedy's arrest was issued, but he had not been served late to-night upon Reedy, who was still at his home. It is said that Reedy denied shooting Ford and said that when he reprimanded Ford for hunting on his farm Ford hit him on the head with the stock of his gun, and while doing so the gun exploded, resulting in the shooting of Ford.

A statement was made by Ford in which he denied Reedy's story of the shooting. Ford is said to be an agent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company.

TRIED TO POISON HUSBAND.

Woman of 40 Confesses That She Attempted to Kill Her Aged Spouse.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 19.—Mrs. Jennie Root, 40 years old, is under arrest at Marion on a charge of attempting to poison her husband, John C. Root, 78, and has confessed. On March 8 Root reported to Supt. White that he believed his wife had attempted to poison him. He said that the coffee and pan cakes served to him by his wife at breakfast tasted bitter and that he had found a white powder in the cup from which he usually drank.

Root received a pension and his property is worth \$20,000. He was married last November to Jennie Holdman, a widow, and she is said to have admitted at the time that she was in love with Robert A. Butcher, a younger man, but that she refused to marry him because he had no money. It is alleged that she told Butcher that she would marry Root and that at his death she expected she would secure his estate and that she would then marry him.

The police believe she would get rid of Root so as to wed the younger man but it is not believed that Butcher is connected with the attempt to poison the husband. He left Marion a few months ago and is now in Pittsburg.

TO FIGHT "SPOTTED FEVER."

Increase in Cases in Philadelphia Arouses Alarm—Bad Streets the Cause?

PHILADELPHIA, March 19.—There will be a general consultation of the local health authorities today as to the best means to stamp out cerebro spinal meningitis. While there is nothing like an epidemic as yet, sufficient new cases are reported to excite alarm. The death of heroic Dr. Craig has served to focus attention on the situation.

Another death occurred yesterday, that of a negro girl who lived in a small downtown place. The news put the negroes in a panic. It is in the same neighborhood as the other recent cases which have occurred.

An investigation by the health authorities brightens the fact growing belief that the disease is being spread by filthy streets. The condition of the court where the death occurred was horrible.

One of the patients in the Municipal Hospital, an Italian boy, also died today. The child's godmother had accompanied him to the hospital. She is distracted with grief, but is being kept in quarantine. The patient taken the day before from the almshouse is reported as dying.

Eminent physicians of the city are taking the matter up. Medical men admit that up to date they know of no remedy for "spotted fever." Investigations along the line of finding a serum to combat the germ are to be made.

PISTOL CARRIER 10 YEARS OLD

Fired the Pistol When Put Out of Educational Alliance Building.

JAMES B. FISCHBERG, superintendent of the social room on the first floor of the Educational Alliance building at East Broadway and Jefferson street, reprimanded some boisterous boys there last Thursday night. He says that Louis Ginsberg, 10 years old, paid no attention but kept on making noise. Fischberg ejected him from the building. An Ginsberg was going out he drew a revolver, fired it and then ran. When arrested last night he said the revolver was loaded with blank cartridges and that he hadn't fired it at Fischberg at all, but had discharged the revolver at his own feet.

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BOYS AND GIRLS IN HISTORY

UP TO THEIR ELBOWS, AND THEIR PARENTS LENDING A HAND.

Col. Stevens Has Offered a Prize and Hoboken is the Subject. The Prize Winners Will Read Their Histories at the Hoboken Semi-Centennial.

Col. Edwin A. Stevens of Castle Point, Hoboken, has offered a prize to a pupil in the grammar school and another to a pupil in the high school who shall write the best history of Hoboken. The prize winners will read their histories at a public ceremony which will form a part of the observance of Hoboken's semi-centennial celebration on March 28.

Col. Stevens said last night he did not know what the nature of the prizes would be.

Several hundred boys and girls are working overtime looking up statistics of Hoboken. All the old timers are being hunted up and quizzed about the appearance of the town when they were boys and girls. The Free Public Library has been ransacked for books which refer to Hoboken.

The older folks, too, have caught the history craze and are helping the boys and girls in their work. John Stevens bought the land on which Hoboken stands for 15,000 pounds sterling 121 years ago. William A. Macy has offered two prizes of \$5 each to the boy and the girl who shall figure out correctly in the town when they were boys and girls. The Free Public Library has been ransacked for books which refer to Hoboken.

TO GET RID OF MONETT.

Kansas Regards Hearst Influence as Too Pronounced in the Standard Oil Fight.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 19.—The Kansas Oil Producers' Association is anxious to get rid of Frank S. Monett of Ohio, who has pushed himself into the Santa Fe hearing here. To-morrow Monett will be told that his services are no longer needed. Senators Fred D. Smith and W. S. Fitzpatrick have been retained by the oil producers to carry on the legal fight against the Standard Oil Company. They declined to accept employment unless they had complete control. They did not care to work under Monett, who is here in the interest of the Hearst papers.

Monett's connection with Hearst, the leaders of this fight, will undoubtedly be the producers in the fight. Monett came West as the representative of Hearst's papers, and in order to make news fled some law suits. However, he had consent from the authorities to do so. He has been taking testimony by day and sending the stuff to Hearst's papers by night. In the East this is looked upon as a Hearst fight. Kansas and the producers want to take it out of that grade and Monett will be invited to step aside. He may act as adviser, but will not have active charge of the litigation after a short time.

"The producers never employed Monett or paid him anything," said J. M. Parker. "He volunteered his services and they were accepted."

FOUND DYING IN THE STREET.

Volunteer Informant Says Unknown Was Struck by Elevated Cars.

Policeman Brown of the East 10th street station found a man who looked like a laborer lying on the sidewalk on Third avenue near 115th street at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. The man was unconscious and was sent to the Harlem Hospital, where he died a few hours later of a fractured skull.

Some one told the police that the man had been seen struggling on the street with another man who was dressed in a uniform similar to that worn by an elevated railroad guard, and this started the rumor that the unknown man had been hurt by a striker. Detectives couldn't find any one else who had seen a struggle.

DEGREES FOR FAIRBANKS.

The Vice-President Will Make a Further Advance in Masonry Today.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 19.—Vice-President Fairbanks will reach this city to-morrow morning, and between noon and midnight will take additional degrees in Masonry. During the holidays he took the apprentice, fellowcraft and the master mason degrees, and it is proposed to-morrow to take the York rite, which consists of the council, chapter and commandery degrees.

The ceremonies will take place in the Scottish Rite building and will be witnessed by Masons from all parts of the State, many of whom are already in the city.

Mr. Fairbanks has determined to go as high in Masonry as the highest, and he will not stop till he becomes a thirty-second degree Mason. Those who have talked with him on the subject say that he is much pleased with the first degree, which he has already taken, and that everything in the order appeals to him and awakens a desire to know more.

Among those who are here to witness the conferring of the York Rite degrees are many of the oldest Masons in the State.

TIM WOODRUFF'S DRIVER HELD.

And Several Other Offenders in Autos—Magistrate Stirred.

Magistrate Cornell, in the West Side court, yesterday was stirred up by the unusual number of automobile speed violation cases brought before him.

Carlos Bastinello, of 100 West Fortieth street, Timothy Woodruff's Italian driver, was the first offender. Bicycle Policeman Quilty said that Bastinello was going at least eighteen miles an hour. Bastinello said he didn't think he was exceeding the speed limit.

"What is the speed limit?" demanded the Judge.

"I don't know," said Bastinello. "Just what I thought," exclaimed Magistrate Cornell. "This is a most remarkable thing, that these foreigners are brought here to run machines and never told how fast they may go."

When some one told the Judge that the man was in the employ of Timothy L. Woodruff, he replied: "I don't care whether Mr. Woodruff or any other man employs him. He has violated the law and must pay the penalty. I'll hold him in \$300 for trial."

Alec Petersen of 500 West 148th street, a Dane, employed by the Rainier Automobile Company of Broadway and Fifth street, was charged by Boudsmen Casey of the Central Office, with going a mile in 3 1/4 minutes on Broadway.

Petersen said he had an engagement that he was hurrying to keep.

"And so you violated the law just to keep an engagement," remarked Magistrate Cornell. "You fellows think you are in a class by yourselves."

Petersen and Edwin Baker of 242 West Fortieth street, who has been in America just one week and is employed by the Auto Car Company, were also held for trial.

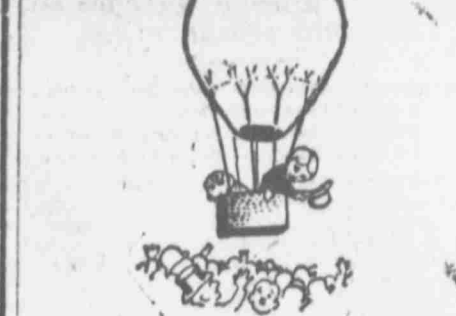
Peter Carlin, 28 years old, of 902 Eighth avenue, was taken same late, the Magistrate accepting the policeman's statement that he went a mile in 4 minutes on Broadway. Erdman N. Brandt of 87 Madison avenue, according to Policeman Crawford, went from Forty-sixth to Forty-seventh street in Long Acre Square in 12 seconds. Crawford said he timed him with a stop watch.

"Your Honor," said Brandt, "I have a speedometer in my automobile, and I am always careful to keep below ten miles an hour. I think my speedometer ought to be as good as any man's statement that he went a mile in 4 minutes on Broadway."

Magistrate Cornell didn't stop watch, and he will be tried in Special Sessions.

George Baker, who drives Diamond Jim Brady's automobile, was the last offender. Baker was charged with going eighteen miles an hour. He pleaded in extenuation that he was going from Liberty street to the ferry to Harlem and was behind time. He is very small and the Judge had to lean forward to get a good look at him.

"Why," the Magistrate exclaimed, "you ought to be ashamed to go out without a guardian." Baker was also held for trial.



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"THE GOSPEL OF GOOD SEED."

It Is Being Preached From Special Trains in the Grain Belt of the Northwest.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 19.—In the last two weeks more than 10,000 farmers in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and North and South Dakota have heard "the gospel of good seed," and the prediction is made by agricultural experts that the wheat crop of this year and next will exceed the average of the past four or five years by many million bushels.

The "gospel" is being preached throughout the grain belt of the Northwest by members of the faculties of the agricultural colleges of these States and representatives of large grain firms and grain exchanges, who have made good seed and the proper culture of grain a special study for the purpose. This week there were four special trains on various railroad lines in the Northwest bearing these instructors and samples, which are used for illustration. The trains make several towns each day, and the lectures are given in town halls to crowds of farmers numbering from 50 to 1,000.

Throughout the farming districts of the Northwest "good seed" is the talk of the hour, and the farmers are making an honest effort to get the best crops possible. In this they are receiving the encouragement and assistance of grain commission firms in Minneapolis.

It is believed, too, that the preaching of this new gospel will result, this year and in a large measure next year, in a great increase in the yield of wheat in this section, which in recent years has been cutting up its big wheat farms and going in for more diversified farming, causing a shortage of wheat in town for big Minneapolis mills, tremendous losses to mill and elevator owners and higher prices of the products of the mills.

SHE SAW A BURGLAR AT WORK.

Mrs. Westervelt Hurried Home, to Find One Had Been in Her Own Home.